



BARROW TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 2LD

Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Wednesday 12th March 2025 at 17.30 pm in the Law Library at the Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-Furness

Cllr S Herbert – Chair	Present	Cllr B Morgan	Present
Cllr F Chatfield	Present	Cllr C Aلتree	Present
Cllr A Coles	Apology	Cllr N Phillips	Present
Cllr C Thompson	Present	Cllr B Elliot	Present
Cllr. K Hyland	Present	Cllr M Leach	Present

In attendance: Cllr. P Griffiths Lesley Smyth (Town Clerk)

F/240/2025 Apologies

Received and accepted from Cllr A Coles.

F/241/2025 Declarations of Interest

Received from Cllr. Morgan and Cllr Phillips in respect of their membership on Westmorland and Furness Council.

F/242/2025 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) PART TWO – NOT FOR PUBLICATION BY VIRTUE OF PARAGRAPHS 3 & 5 OF PART ONE OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Agenda Item No.12 – English Heritage – Furness Abbey

Agenda Item No.13 – Cemetery Gate House

F/243/2025 Minutes of the last Meeting held on 12th February 2025

Resolved: To receive the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 12th February 2025 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr. Phillips and seconded by Cllr. Morgan. All agreed.

F/244/2025 Report on the Finance Action Sheet

The Town Clerk presented the current work programme to enable the Committee to note the progress made across the various actions in which the Committee was involved.

Resolved:

To confirm the actions outstanding:

- The possibility of assisted funding by BAE for Civic Events is hereby defrayed to the Events Working Group.

- Roose Farm Allotment Mast – Funding contribution sought from Holker Estates and EE Ltd. This action to be deleted.
- To date there has been no acknowledgement from Westmorland and Furness Council in respect of funding the repairs to the patio at the Cenotaph. The Clerk to contact the Westmorland and Furness Director of Assets and the Director of Thriving Communities.
- A response to the request to Westmorland and Furness Council for the inclusion of Barrow Town Council in the Community Infrastructure Levy was reported under Min F/231 of 12th February 2025. No further update.
- Barrow AFC Community Foundation Grant payback reported at Min F/246 below.

F/245/2025 Finance Report

The following reports, distributed prior to the meeting, were submitted for approval: -

1. General Fund Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1st April to 28th February 2025
2. Allotments Fund Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1st April to 28th February 2025
3. Scheule of payments for February 2025

Resolved: Proposed by Cllr. Chatfield and seconded by Cllr Leach that the above Accounts here presented be approved. All agreed.

Bank Reconciliation as at 28th February 2025

Balance brought forward	£236,493.28
February Income	£25,073.50
February Expenditure	£23,602.21
Transfer to Reserve Account	£67,500
Balance of Funds	£170,464.57
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Further, the Clerk to write to the Finance Director and the Director of Thriving Communities at Westmorland and Furness Council detailing the unforeseen high expenditure and on-going issues incurred by the Town Council following the defrayment of the Allotments, due to a lack of due diligence by Barrow Borough Council prior to handover.

F/246/2025 Barrow AFC Community Foundation Grant

Further to Min F/231 of 12th February 2025. The letter sent by the Clerk to Barrow AFC Community Foundation has not been acknowledged. However, following consultation with Cllr S Herbert three options were put before the Committee:

1. Barrow AFC Community Foundation to be requested to refund the balance of the Grant, giving due regard to expenditure having been incurred in project management costs.
2. The Foundation retain the balance of the Grant and use for its intended purpose – a Christmas Market in 2025.
3. The Foundation retain the balance of the Grant and use for forthcoming events in 2025, details of which were distributed by Cllr Herbert prior to the meeting.

The following point was noted:

1. The Event in 2024 was cancelled due to inclement weather conditions and therefore no blame can be attributed to the organisers.

Resolved:

Proposed by Cllr Chatfield and seconded by Cllr Altree that the Foundation retain the balance of monies from the 2024/25 Grant and allocate towards forthcoming events. An Events Application Form to be submitted for these upcoming events, to be received no late than 9th April 2025. Further the Foundation may apply for further funding in 2025/26 if required.

A vote having been taken, all agreed.

F/247/2025 Finance Committee Vice -Chair

Further to Min F/238(1) of 12th February 2025 the Clerk requested this appointment for the remained of the fiscal year.

Resolved: Cllr C Altree - Proposed by Cllr Chatfield and seconded by Cllr Morgan. All agreed.
To be ratified at Full Council on 18th March 2025.

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F/250/2025 Any Other Business

None

F/251/2025 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 24th April 2025 at 17.30pm in the Law Library, Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 18.35 pm

Lesley Smyth

Town Clerk